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Dementia sufferers wanted for drug trial

CLINICAL TEST IN NEED OF SUBJECTS

By Paul Giles

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SOUTHEND dementia sufferers
are needed to trial a poten-
tial wonder drug.

The Alzheimer's Society is
calling on people to help
advance medical research by
taking part in a clinical trial
for groundbreaking new treat-
ment.

The trial, headed up by Dr
Paul Edison from Imperial
College London, is set to last
three years and will attempt
to discover whether the dia-
betes drug liraglutide could
benefit people suffering with
dementia.

Participants are needed who
are in the first stages of
dementia to work with
Southend Hospital.

People involved in the tests
will either be given liraglutide
or a placebo for a year and will

undergo brain scans and cog-
nitive tests to monitor any
change.

Dr Doug Brown, director of
research and development at
the Alzheimer's Society said
developing the new drugs
from scratch can take 20 years
and hundreds of millions of
pounds.

Dr Brown said: "Our focus
on repurposing existing
drugs as dementia treatments
is an incredibly exciting way
of bringing new treatments
closer.

"Early evidence shows that
this drug, which we already
know is safe for people to use,
could potentially reverse the
biological causes of
Alzheimer's even in the late
stages.

"We now hope that by fund-
ing this exciting new trial we
can bring it closer to a position
where it could one day be

improving the lives with
dementia."

Participants in the trial will
receive an injection of
liraglutide or a placebo in an
injection over a 12-month
period.

Dr Farhad Huwez, principal
investigator at Southend
Hospital, said he was pleased
to invite people to the trials.

Dr Huwez said: "While other
drugs have shown disappoint-
ing results in clinical trials
recently, the background
research for this drug is very
promising.

"People who sign up to this
trial could therefore be playing
an important role in moving us
towards a new treatment for
people with dementia in
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ABDUCTION: Steven Partridge

Jail term for paedophile

A MAN has been jailed for eight years after
admitting child abduction and attempted
rape.

Steven Partridge, of no fixed address,
admitted the offences at an earlier hearing
and was sentenced at Basildon Crown on
Thursday, March 19.

It follows an incident in Southend involv-
ing a nine-year-old girl on Monday,
November 10.

Partridge, 23, who had been living at an
address in the town, was sentenced to eight
years in jail with three on licence.

DC Nicola Mills, of Laindon child abuse
investigation team, said Partridge had put a
young girl through a traumatic experience.

She said: "I am pleased this man has been
taken off the streets so that she can now
move forward, and the community will be
protected from him for a considerable
amount of time.

"I would like to pay tribute to the way the
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CS gas stops football-fight jobs

POLICE had to use CS spray to break up a fight near the Railway Pub, East Street, Southend last weekend.

The row between football fans in Southend broke out at around 7.20pm, on Saturday, March 21, and left a man with serious head injuries.

The injured man, aged 41, from Mildenhall, Suffolk, is cur-

rently in a serious condition at the Royal London Hospital.

Police were called following reports around 15 football supporters were fighting in the street near the Railway pub.

The door of the pub was also smashed during the fight outside.

The street was closed off for several hours by police to con-

duct forensic investigations.

● A 33-year-old man, from Southend, has been arrested on suspicion of GBH and has been bailed until this week, in connection with an incident at the Railway Pub, on Saturday.

A 23-year-old man, from Westcliff, was also arrested on suspicion of GBH and bailed until Wednesday, May 27.



UNDER SEIGE: Football fans fight outside the Railway pub in Southend at the weekend

Photo by Mark Cleveland

Lifebook Project

'Essex Action' – as heard on Radio Essex – with Volunteer Centres Essex

THIS is an opportunity for someone with good IT skills to create something meaningful and unique.

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A care home in Billericay is helping residents make Lifebooks to record their likes, dislikes and other information.

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There will be challenges along the way but you will be rewarded by using your creativity to make a positive difference to the lives of others.

A similar opportunity is available in the Southend area, so if this sounds like something you could help with call the volunteer centre in Basildon on 01268 294124.

7,000 votes of thanks



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: The centre celebrates its first anniversary, left, with, above, service users Janet Egelton, on left, and Una Melbourne plus volunteer Roger Bassett

By Paul Giles

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THE Macmillan Information and Support Centre at Southend Hospital has celebrated its first anniversary.

The centre has helped almost 7,000 people since opening to the public in March last year.

Among the guests was Janet Egelton, from Hockley, who admits she couldn't have got through her cancer treatment without the help of the centre.

Mrs Egelton explained she

Macmillan centre's helping hands in first year

was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and she managed for a couple of months on her own.

She said: "I felt the treatment wasn't going as good as it could do and I was getting frightened about the upcoming chemo."

"It was just the unknown really."

"I couldn't have got through it without the help of the Macmillan Centre."

"They are always here and I visit at least once a week just for a chat whether I'm feeling good or bad."

"It's just nice to talk to someone who understands – not just the staff and volunteers but other people going through the same thing as me."

The £650,000 centre includes a quiet room where patients and families can relax and talk to healthcare professionals, a health and well-

being room, a relaxing courtyard and a large activity room for health clinics, support group meetings, cancer awareness events and more.

Macmillan Centre manager Friederike Englund said she is delighted with the first year of helping almost 7,000 people.

She added: "This proves the importance of the centre and that it is very much needed."

"I am very privileged to be working with a very dedicat-

ed, creative and hard working team of two nurses and 28 volunteers."

Also at the celebrations was Una Melbourne, from Southend, who was initially "in denial" about needing help when she was diagnosed with endometrial cancer and had an operation in May.

She said: "Staff in the centre are always available to talk to about your fears, good or bad days, it doesn't matter."

"They are always happy to see you and support you in every way."



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THERE'S a new station hitting the airwaves – radio made in Essex, for Essex!

Southend and Chelmsford Radio have changed to become Radio Essex, the new countywide radio station which already has 110,000 listeners.

The station's fans from all over the county and beyond on digital radio had an active role in saying what they wanted from the new station.

Programme director Trevor White said listeners had been choosing what presenters play to create the best mix of today's music.

Mr White said: "We have a very broad playlist of great music but rather than dictate what they listen to, we wanted our audience to select Essex's best music mix."

"We promise to have the widest variety and playlist of any music station in Essex."

"We are also determined to have the best local news, the most up to date travel information news and a wide range of community information."

Kris Lingwood, managing director of Radio Essex, said: "We can now offer the business community a service solely aimed at their key target market, the people of Essex."

"Radio Essex will offer a much larger transmission area that delivers a far greater audience for their products and services."

Speaking about working with the *Yellow Advertiser* on the Essex Action campaign that aims to get more people volunteering in Essex,



RADIO HEAD: Presenter Nick Hull with the Radio Essex logo

Mr Lingwood added: "It is all about bringing the community together."

"That is what local media does. Essex is a unique county by working with the *Yellow Advertiser* we can reach people that aren't necessarily thinking of volunteering and put something back into the community."

Philip Miller MBE, executive chairman of Radio Essex's parent company Adventure Radio, said it would be impossible not to know the station is designed for the people of Essex.

He said: "Every hour of each day is made with Essex in mind."

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Virgin bikers go for green

A FUN day to tempt first-time riders of bicycles has been set up in the hope it will create more greener travel in Southend.

The session set up by Bikeability Southend has been funded by the Department of Transport and will take place on Saturday.

People attending will learn how to ride bikes and become safer while riding on the roads.

Councillor for public protection, waste and transport, Martin Terry, said the

fun days were a great chance for people to learn to cycle in the road in a safe environment.

Mr Terry said: "We will have lots of bikes to try including side-by-side bikes, tandems, cargo bikes and more.

"There will be qualified cycle instructors ready to give practical tips and advice about Bikeability.

"In addition, you can learn how to check if your bike is in good working order."

The session will take

place this Saturday between 10am and 1pm, at Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre, Garon Park, off Eastern Avenue, Southend.

For more information about future sessions of Just Ride Southend that run on a weekly basis, visit www.justridesouthend.com or call 07971 774479.

**READY, STEADY:
Bikers on their marks
for a special fun
event this Saturday**
Photo by Mark Cleveland



Thanks for being a friend

A FRIENDSHIP group for new parents and children to Southend has been started at Blenheim Primary School, in Leigh.

It was the brainchild of Ilda Stafa, a parent from Albania who arrived in the UK three years ago and struggled to socialise.

Ilda described she felt isolated and stayed in her flat until her husband came home from work each evening when they had to try and take on chores needed to communicate with

Mum's group to help newcomers to town

people outside.

The fear stemmed from her lack of language and this was made worse when she fell pregnant with her son, who is now two years old.

Ilda said the pregnancy and birth of her son was terrifying for her and afterwards she was frightened she would encounter

situations she could not deal with, and may endanger her son.

The 30-year-old, who trained as an Italian language teacher in Albania, said she is normally confident and a dynamic person. But she had felt she was retreating into herself before setting up the group.

She said: "Now we have seven people that regularly attend the group.

"It is just a friendship group but we all go and do lots of social things together like shopping and helping each other out with forms for the hospital.

"We just all look out for one another really and more people are welcome to come along."

The group meets every Thursday from 3pm to 4.30pm at the Blenheim Primary School Children's Centre, in Blenheim Chase, Leigh.



ALL FRIENDS TOGETHER: At the new Leigh school group

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Top marks in inspectors' report for town school

A SCHOOL in Southend is celebrating an excellent report from the Independent Schools Inspectorate.

Alley Court School received a four-day visit from inspectors earlier this term who have now made their views public.

The report on the school in Wakering Road, Southend, says the school is highly successful in meeting its aims.

The inspectors said: "The pupils personal development is excellent and their achievement both in academic work and activities are also excellent."

"They make an excellent start in the Early Years Foundation Stage and develop a love of learning which stays with them throughout their time at the school."

The report said pupils also make excellent progress as they move through the



ONE FOR THE FAMILY ALBUM: Alley Court School gets excellent marks all round, ahead of it becoming a charitable trust in September

Photo Mark Cleveland

school while inspectors also reported that the quality of pupils' achievements and learning is excellent.

The contribution of curricular and extra curricular provision plus quality of leadership, management and communication with parents were also considered excellent.

Headmaster Gareth Davies said he was delighted at the report with the school

receiving the top rating of excellent for every aspect inspected except the contribution of arrangements for welfare, health and safety, which received the second best grade, good.

Mr Davies added: "It is an incredible report and truly affirms the quality education that we offer at the school."

"It is a great reward for the tireless efforts of the staff

and children who strive to make the school such a success, it has been a real team effort."

The school, which has 311 pupils, was considered to have a strong family ethos as it has been owned by one family for its entire 11-year history.

William Wilcox, chairman of the school, said the family prided itself on

offering excellence.

He added: "This report certainly reinforces this."

"It is a fitting conclusion to the family's ownership of the school before it becomes a charitable trust in September."

"We are thrilled with the efforts of the head, leadership team and all of the staff for achieving this outcome."

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YMCA joy at BBC grant to help work with the vulnerable

SOUTHEND YMCA has received a grant of £64,103 from BBC Children in Need to help benefit youngsters in the town.

The windfall means the charity has boosted its coffers to more than £295,000 which can be spent on projects to help with education, employment and work towards Youth Achievement Awards.

Alex Milne, Team YP coordinator at Southend YMCA, explained that Team YP is a resilience-building and personal development programme for disadvantaged or vulnerable young people.

Mr Milne said: "It aims to build confidence, resilience and self-esteem through positive activities, sports and personal development sessions, while also engaging in teamwork and furthering social interaction skills with peers and adults alike.

"The young people we work with are at risk of exclusion, isolation and may well not be thriving at school or in their personal or home life – it is essential that these young people receive early intervention work to give them the best possible chance of a successful and happier transition into adult life."

Syrie Cox, CEO for Southend YMCA, said she was delighted and humbled to receive a grant from BBC Children in



IT'S FUN TO STAY: Youth worker Susan Roach, left, chief executive Syrie Cox and youth worker Marina Wright at YMCA Southend

Photo by Mark Cleveland

Need. She added: "We are mindful of the personal contributions that people make all over the country to actively support the charity through undertaking activities

and fundraising.

"It is lovely to know that early intervention for vulnerable young people will be supported in Southend."



ON AIR: Spencer Perry (interviewer), Kiran Green (sports), Daisy Hobbs (anchor) and Serraphina Singleton, of Friars Radio Station at Friars School

Photo by Mark Cleveland

Future radio stars hit the airwaves at school

PUPILS have been taking to the airwaves after setting up their own radio station at Friars Primary School.

Youngsters at the school in Constable Way, Shoeburyness, have interviewed staff about the school's current issues such as its recent Ofsted inspection.

They are also looking at interviewing important figures from the area.

Their weekly show includes

school news, teacher interviews, news and sport.

A spokesman for the school said the children had been working hard on and off air.

He said: "They have shown fantastic initiative to get Radio Friars off the ground.

"They write their own scripts and make all of the important editorial decisions.

"I think that we have unearthed some radio stars of the future."

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UNIQUE: Mark Kass, chief executive Enterprise4Good Ltd, Cllr Graham Longley, and business engagement officers Georgina Searle and Amy Beckett in the Hive

Hive at gallery putting business in the frame

WORK has finished on a £650,000 project to transform the first floor of the Beecroft Gallery into an enterprise centre for fledgling businesses.

The new business hub called The Hive, in Victoria Avenue, Southend, includes nine flexible incubation units, 34 hot desks plus meeting and conference space.

The Hive will be operated by the organisation selected by the council called Enterprise4Good (Community) Ltd.

Councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic regeneration explained that the centre had already attracted interest from start-ups and existing companies in Southend.

Cllr Graham Longley said: "This new enterprise hub will provide flexible space at reasonable rates for these fledgling businesses, and will nurture them with the right environment and support to give them every chance of becoming the major employers of tomorrow."

"Furthermore, as they grow, these businesses may wish to move into the proposed new com-

mercial space that we have planned at the Airport Business Park as part of our Joint Area Action Plan with Rochford District Council.

"Southend has an amazing entrepreneurial spirit, enviable connections to our capital and a growing number of European destinations via our burgeoning international airport, and a high quality of life for its residents. It's a great place to work, live and play and we will not be shy on selling this unique proposition to attract entrepreneurs."

The money for the conversion of the unused space into the business hub was secured by the borough council via the City Deal negotiation with central Government last year.

Mark Kass, chairman and CEO of Enterprise4Good, said: "We look forward to working in partnership with the council, the wider business support network and of course the incredibly entrepreneurial residents and business community of Southend to make this the place to start up and grow small businesses."



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OPEN: Mayor Cllr Chris Walker, centre, with staff at the new Premier Inn Hotel in Southend

Seafront boost as hotel opens

A NEW hotel in Southend has created 77 jobs.

The doors of the Premier Inn Hotel, in Eastern Esplanade, were officially opened on Tuesday, March 17, by mayor Chris Walker.

The 81-bedroom hotel has invested more than £1.5m into accommodation for visitors in the town and also has a Brewers Fayre Pub next to it.

Yvonne Magee, Premier Inn cluster general manager of Basildon and Southend, said she wanted to offer customers value for money.

She said: "Eastern Esplanade, on Southend

seafront is a prime location. The hotel offers customers an abundance of shops and restaurants along with Southend's main attractions just a short walk away."

Steve Cannon, general manager of the Brewers Fayre restaurant, said: "It's not only great that we're creating new jobs for the community, we are also looking forward to welcoming families from the area through our restaurant doors to spend quality time together and enjoy our delicious menu."

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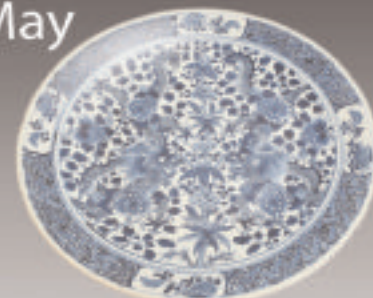
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Speaking up for children

A SPECIALIST school for children with speech and language difficulties is to open in the autumn.

Grove House School in Brentwood will be the first of its kind in the east of England.

The academy will be

New academy 'first' keeps specialist help on doorstep

run as a free school, managed by a team of trustees and head teacher.

Sally Lockyer, chairman of the school's trust, said the main

motivation for setting up the academy was to avoid children having to go out of the county into residential placements.

She said: "This been

an ongoing issue for some time. Essex provides some good speech and language support at Primary school level, but almost nothing at secondary.

Grove House will provide an alternative to mainstream schools for children age nine to 19. Pupils are already enrolling ahead of the September opening.



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Scouts pack and shoppers drop

A GROUP of scouts had a busy day in a Shoeburyness supermarket – earning an amazing £747 packing shoppers' bags in Asda.

The youngsters from 4th Rochford Scouts were raising money towards the £65,000 they need for an extension to John Howard Hall in Church Walk, where they meet.

A young leader supervised 14 scouts, three cubs and a beaver during the packing duty.

The cash they raised will go towards building a new disability friendly toilet and shower block in the proposed extension at the scout hall. The group has raised £25,000 already through a variety of activities.



Bank fines windfall going to air ambulance

A WINDFALL of £1.5million is heading to Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust (EHAAT) to help the life-saving helicopter emergency medical service continue to develop into the future.

The cash comes from the Libor fund, set up with fines of millions of pounds levied on banks through fines imposed for misdemeanours and attempted manipulation of financial markets, which Chancellor George Osborne is distributing to charities.

The trust – which is backed by MPs – lobbied for a slice of the cash pot when it became known the money would go to the voluntary sector.

The charity oversees the operation of two heli-



GRANT AID: Robert Halfon, MP for Harlow, left, Chancellor George Osborne, Rebecca Harris, MP for Castlepoint, and Jane Gurney, CEO of Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust, outside Number 11 Downing Street

copters, 365 days a year, and it costs in the region of £5.8m each year to cover all charitable, medical and aircraft costs.

The air ambulance trust covers more than 2,900 square miles of both urban and, often inaccessible, rural landscape serving a combined population of 2.5m.

The donation from the Libor fund is well timed because EHAAT is undergoing a procurement process for new aircraft.

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George Kieffer, campaign chairman, said: "Our objective is to promote tourism, increase visitor numbers, and generate income for Essex tourism and hospitality businesses.

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Rochford Council is launching open-air cinemas with screenings in Hockley Woods and Swayne Park.

The films are Shakespeare in Love and Grease with a third slot filled by residents voting for their choice.

Jo McPherson, council portfolio holder for community, said: "Open-air cinema is a first for the district and clearly demonstrates what a diverse and vibrant arts programme we have here."

"It really is perfect for anyone who wants to relax and enjoy some al fresco entertainment this summer."

"It's also great that movie lovers will get a chance to choose one of the showings themselves – and I'd really urge everyone to get on the website and vote for their favourite."

The events are hosted by Essex Outdoor Cinema.

The first film is Shakespeare in Love (15) on Saturday, June 6, at Hockley Woods, and Grease (PG) on Saturday, August 15, at Swayne Park. The third, on Sunday, June 7, at Hockley Woods will be chosen by residents.

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New houses means loss of jobs

PLANS have been submitted to demolish Benchmark Doors and Auto-Plas at 90 Main Road, Hawkwell, and replace them with one detached, eight semi-detached and 27 terraced houses.

Although I welcome the 27 hopefully affordable terraced houses, I also believe losing this service and light industrial site would be a loss of potential jobs in Hawkwell.

It could be the thin end of the wedge by also turning the adjacent service and light industrial sites Stonebridge House, Rawal Pindi Nursery and possibly the adjacent homes on large plots, into more housing and with a further loss of job opportunities.

I also believe from personal experience, that the proposed entrance is dangerous due to the bend in Main Road and would be even more dangerous with the potential of 70-plus cars exiting this site, maybe two or three times a day.

Although it's a good thing that brown field sites and not green belt are used, my suspicions are that this site has been deliberately allowed to run down for financial gain.

The homes would also be in addition to the 176 homes now being built on the Clements Gate Estate in the agreed Rochford District Council's long-term plans for Hawkwell and the district.

Alan James
Hockley

Selfish parking an offence

I MAY be mistaken but it seems to me that more and more cars are being parked on pavements.

Recently in Hockley I saw a car parked completely on the pavement and noticed that in the road were double yellow lines. I can only assume the driver was parking on the basis that being parked on the pavement he could not be given a ticket for parking on double yellow lines.

A few days later I was driving from Hockley to Rayleigh and saw a lady with a young child holding her hand and another in a buggy. She was waiting to come out into that extremely busy road because a parked car was completely blocking the pavement.

This is even more selfish in that the driver could have legally parked in the road.

I must admit I do not know the law on this type of parking or if it is illegal, or who is responsible for administering any offence.

It certainly is selfish and in some circumstances, dangerous to pedestrians for whom I thought the pavement was for.

Perhaps some of your more enlightened readers could say if this type of parking is an offence.

Dave Williment
Hockley

Budget not all it's cracked up to be

DON'T be taken in by what looked like a "giveaway" last budget from Chancellor George Osborne.

He raised the amount you can earn before paying tax to £11,000, increased the 40 per cent tax threshold to £43,300, cut duty on beer and spirits and cancelled the fuel duty increase planned for September.

What a lovely man. But he will pay for this with savage spending cuts after the election. The independent Office for Budget Responsibility said Mr Osborne's plans meant "a much sharper squeeze on real spending in 2016-17 and 2017-18 than anything seen over the past five years".

If you thought austerity has been painful enough then hold tight because it's going to get a whole lot worse.

The average worker could save around £100 from tax and benefit changes. That seems a great deal, doesn't it? It's not when you could wait even longer to be seen in your local A & E. It's not when you could wait up to a week to see your local doctor. It's not when your local library could open for even fewer hours than now (or close altogether). It's not when your local school could cancel all its after school clubs.

The budget doesn't look so good now, does it?

David Bodimeade
Rayleigh

Leave our trees alone

HOW amazing that the council is always able to find the money to pay for hundreds of trees to be felled or cut right back when there is no need for this.

It has been acknowledged that we are losing many of our small birds and this is the time when they are searching for nest sites.

Why do they chop our trees at this time of year?

Also the grass has just been cut in many places where there are usually wonderful displays of daffodils.

Not this year.

Gail Grindell
Southend

Double standards on eye candy

I NOTICE that among the Basildon Towngate Theatre's repertoire of upcoming shows is a stage act called Forbidden Nights, proclaiming to be the hottest male show in town and consists of cavorting semi-naked men.

So where then, is the cacoph-

ony of noise from Byron Taylor, the leader of the Labour group on Basildon Council, who a year ago, when commenting on Basildon Katz lapdancing club said: "It sends out the message the exploitation of young women for sexual entertainment is acceptable."

The Katz club is a local employer that provided jobs and pays local taxes despite Cllr Taylor's vocal objections to it.

I just wondered if he was going to make the same comment about this show which although not entirely naked consists of rather athletic acts by its attractive young male performers, that are claimed to be "sexy" and promoting "fantasy" and provoking "forbidden thoughts" with "elements of striptease".

I wondered if we were going to hear the usual puritanical diatribe from Labour about exploitation and objections about the council allowing "this sort of thing" in the borough. Or is the "sextortion" of men an OK "message"?

However, with Labour's usual double standards and hypocrisy...total silence on this particular form of entertainment.

As for me, I say "bring it on". It's about time the female folk of Basildon had some eye

candy.

Kim Gandy
Rayleigh

Straw that broke the camel's back

HAS the Labour Party really left Jack Monroe – rather than she it, as she claims – or has Ms Monroe merely left behind an unhappy existence whose life's perspective was grimly at odds with that currently engendered by the more affluent life she happily leads now?

For the Green Party gets little support from the downtrodden to whom it is impractically obsessed with middle-class obsessions, where Labour can offer more realistic electoral salve for austerity-stricken aspirations, and infinitely more realistic hope in the circumstances of 256 Labour MPs in Parliament to one Green member as things stand.

Her announcement that a firmer Labour immigration policy was the straw that finally broke her camel's back would indicate that this is very much the case.

John Haran
Leigh-on-Sea

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CAMPAIGN: Nick Alston

POLICE and Crime Commissioner Nick Alston has urged residents to report concerns over possible child abuse.

He issued the plea as he backed National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day. He said: "I have repeatedly said that nothing matters more than protecting our children. As with many other 'hidden harms' – such as domestic abuse, elder abuse and modern slavery – the sexual exploitation of children is hap-

pening here in Essex, in our communities.

"These children may find themselves groomed by perpetrators online, but they may also be exploited by someone they know.

"What is clear is that while police have a responsibility to investigate this heinous crime, as a community we must all do our part to be vigilant and look out for signs that a child is being exploited and sexually abused.

"If you suspect abuse, then you must come forward to report it to police."

Essex Police is currently under investigation by the Independent Police Complaints Commission over some child abuse investigations. The police watchdog said it was probing allegations that officers failed to arrest alleged abusers or refer them for charges, as well as failing to protect alleged victims. It has launched three probes into

officers' conduct in 28 serious cases involving 59 alleged child victims.

Mr Alston welcomed the investigation, saying: "That children who may have suffered serious abuse were subsequently let down by Essex Police is of the greatest concern to me."

To report abuse, call Essex Police on 101, or 999 in emergencies.

If you are have concerns about any Essex Police child abuse investigation, call 01245 282103.

Police silence over 'snoop' questions

ESSEX Police has refused to answer questions about whether it has snooped on journalists.

Police and Crime Commissioner Nick Alston has described the ruling as a matter of "concern" and said he would monitor the situation.

The force has refused to comply with a legal action requesting the information.

Press Gazette requested details under Freedom of Information (FoI) laws as part of a national investigation, but the force claimed the request was "vexatious".

Its website wanted to know whether Essex Police had used Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIPA) – the same powers used by councils to snoop on suspected benefits fraudsters – to monitor reporters.

The force is one of 26 in the country which has refused to give information about whether it requested permission to secretly obtain journalists' phone records.

Press Gazette launched its investigation after it was revealed last year that some forces had accessed journalists' phone records to trace anonymous sources.

The Home Office has introduced temporary measures ordering police to get permission from a judge before they can snoop on journalists.

The Association of Chief Police Officers has circulated guidance nationally that any FoI requests about snooping should be rejected and branded "vexatious".

An Essex Police spokesman said: "Essex Police can confirm that it has declined to provide information requested under the Freedom of Information Act by Press Gazette."



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It's no joke finding right agent

ESTATE agents, traffic wardens and car dealers. Love them or hate them they will all impact on our lives in one way or another and it is only the traffic warden we can't choose.

The much maligned estate agent has been the butt of the joke for decades and as they remain mostly unqualified surely this well aimed laughter will continue. Or maybe not.

There is a good chance that we may all have to rethink our tired opinions of these suited and booted sales men and women.

They "do" work hard after all and many are becoming qualified with NVQs at a variety of levels of expertise which suggests a far greater level of professionalism.

There have always been fully qualified agents who have chartered surveyor status following many tough years of university study. Their degree is up there with the most revered available as the poor student has to wade through property law and property construction for five years, before attaining the coveted Member of the Royal Institute status.

Many City-based agents are so qualified but locally and provincially there are very few.

Guy Imray, of Brown & Brand, is one of this small band of professionals and states that "often the depth of knowledge of a qualified professional can make the difference in a successful sale and most certainly in the valuation process".

Estate agents seem to change in each town so regularly that it has become difficult to remember which one we used last time we moved.

So why are these agents going out of business when we have always associated with them being in the "money for old rope" business?

It appears there is currently a "fees war" among agents as the ever increasing num-

bers of new agents fight for the severely reduced market of houses for sale.

For all their undoubted intelligence it appears that some agents have simply forgotten to make a profit and attract business they are financially unable to deal with.

Perfect if you are a seller today but one fears for the service available when they are potentially losing money in selling your house. Bring on the jokes.

I fear a lack of sympathy for them from the reader and quite rightly so.

While agents remain unqualified and sell their services at loss-making levels they really do not deserve either our sympathy or our business.

So, find a professional, pay a sensible fee and enjoy fine service and quite possibly a higher sale price. Or go online?

We all do everything online these days.

This is an option worth looking at but that's all. In a demanding market place a seller should really look for the best advice available to ensure the best sale price.

A high street agent needs your sale to reach a successful conclusion or he won't be paid whereas a "one-off, cheap fee" online agent is surely unmotivated once he's banked your cheque.

He earns no more if the sale proceeds or not.

Many agents report vendors approaching them for help following a wasted £500 fee to an onliner.

You may as well stick a polaroid photo in the newspapers and hope for the best.

Our home is mostly our biggest asset, often worth hundreds of thousands of pounds and we should surely employ the best professional, rather than the cheapest, agent to sell it efficiently for us.

So carry on laughing but be sure to choose well.



Estate agents seem to change so regularly that it has become difficult to remember which one we used last time we moved

Ask the Agent

Alan Kirkman

Q. I understand the importance of good photographs in "selling" my house – particularly on the internet. Do you have any tips?

A. You're right. Even if you don't go for the more exotic options that the internet offers, like video clips or virtual tours, buyers still expect to see a whole array of photographs, illustrating just about every conceivable aspect of a property. But quantity isn't everything. If the pictures are badly composed, ill-lit, or just plain uninspiring, a lot of buyers will simply switch off and move to the next property. From the purely technical point of view, you should be able to rely on your estate agent to take pictures that will show your home to its best advantage. At the "stately home" end of the market, of course, agents routinely use professional photographers. But many mainstream agents these days also appreciate the value of decent pictures, and some even put their staff through special training to ensure quality results.

However, while agents may be happy to offer advice on how to prepare your home



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for the camera, you can't expect them to do the work. That's your job. The key thing to remember here is that a photograph captures a split second in time with piercing clarity – so it is arguably even more important to prepare your house for the camera than it is for visiting buyers, who are much more likely to be distracted by other sights and sounds. I'm sure we have all seen examples of what homes can look like when a camera is pointed at them, if those preparations aren't made!

The key here is tidiness.

So...Outside, make sure the garden looks well tended and clear of anything unsightly, like a rubbish bin. In reception rooms, make sure cushions are plumped up; dining tables either laid for a formal meal or completely clear; children's toys or discarded magazines tidied away, etc. If necessary, remove surplus pieces of furniture to create a feeling of more space. Try to ensure that your kitchen looks as pristine as it did the day it was installed. Make sure all beds are properly made. In the bathroom, fold towels neatly and remove any unsightly collections of shampoo bottles, etc. Loo seats should always be down! Finally, check that all the lights work. Quite apart from anything else, they may be needed for the shoot.

Horizon Estate Agents of Rochford, joins UK Network of estate agents

Local estate agent Horizon estate agents has been chosen as Relocation Agent Network's leading estate agent in Rochford. Relocation Agent Network is highly selective in its invitation only membership, basing its criteria on quality of service, local knowledge and professionalism amongst others. Each member is hand picked after thorough checks, including mystery shopping, which identifies them as being the most appropriate Relocation Agent Network member in their area.

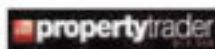
Craig Wakeling, Director of Horizon Estate Agents said: "It is an honour to be chosen as Rochford's Relocation Agent Network member. Being a member of the Network provides us, and our customers, with a host of benefits not previously available to us, such as national coverage. Through networking with other members, we can also offer expanded services for both buyers and sellers in Rochford.

A key additional benefit of Network membership for both agents and their customers is the association with Cartus; the premier provider of global relocation services. Relocation Agent Network members are Cartus' preferred estate agency for corporate relocations, offering the potential that many Network agents may also receive additional buyers as a result. Richard Tucker, Relocation Agent Network's Managing Director said: "We are delighted to welcome Horizon Estate Agent's to the Network. I feel certain that their pedigree, experience and commitment will be of tremendous benefit to all our members."

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NEW INSTRUCTION

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£290,000



NEW INSTRUCTION

This three/four bedroom semi detached house is situated within 1.5 miles of Rochford mainline railway station. The property offers versatile family accommodation, large kitchen/diner, ground floor bedroom, ground floor shower room, off street parking for several cars and an approximate 80ft rear garden.



Hullbridge

£355,000



NEW INSTRUCTION

Fresh to market is this three bedroom semi detached bungalow in a sought after area of Hullbridge. Property offers a modern fitted kitchen and bathroom, conservatory and off street parking for approximately eight vehicles.



Hullbridge

£120,000



PRICE REDUCTION

Situated on the sought after Tower Park is this immaculate one bedroom park home with modern fitted kitchen and shower room. The good sized living accommodation should be viewed to be appreciated. The property also benefits from its own parking area.



Hockley

£60,000



PRICE REDUCTION

This detached one bedroom park home on the sought after Dome Park is being offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN. The property has a modern fitted bathroom and is on a good sized plot with its own front and rear gardens.



Rayleigh

£310,000



PRICE REDUCTION

Situated on a corner plot within half a mile of Rayleigh mainline railway station this three bedroom detached bungalow offers potential (subject to relevant planning permission) to develop and extend. There is an independent drive to single detached garage. NO ONWARD CHAIN.



Rayleigh

£270,000



NO ONWARD CHAIN

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Hullbridge

£235,000



SOLD 57C

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 14th MARCH 12PM-2PM This three bedroom semi detached chalet being sold with NO ONWARD CHAIN is in need of some modernisation and priced accordingly offers open plan living accommodation, fitted kitchen and bathroom and off street parking to the front of the property.



Hullbridge

£115,000



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Hamlet Court Road £139,995

Set over three floors is this spacious three bedroom flat with estuary views. Lounge 17' x 15'. Kitchen 12' x 11'. Modern fitted bathroom suite. Majority double glazed. Gas fired heating. Estuary views. Balcony from bedroom one. Easy access to all local amenities including Westcliff mainline railway station and Westcliff seafront. EPC: D



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Westcliff-on-Sea £239,995

Two bedroom first floor purpose built apartment situated close to the seafront and mainline railway station. Lounge with estuary view. Bedroom one with fitted furniture. Dining room/bedroom two. Kitchen with integrated appliances. Bathroom/w.c. Cavity wall insulation. Garage. Parking space. Security gated entrance. Excellent decorative order. EPC: D



Clifftown Conservation Area £235,000

Spacious two bedroom split level apartment. Stunning views across the estuary from multiple rooms. Modern fitted kitchen. Bathroom/w.c. Split level across the first and second floors. Easy walking distance to Southend seafront, town centre and both railway lines. No onward chain. EPC: F



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Westcliff Parade £149,995

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Eastern Esplanade £182,000

Spacious two bedroom ground floor purpose built apartment located just off Southend seafront. Sealed unit double glazing. Electric heating. Master bedroom with en-suite shower room. Bathroom/w.c. Lounge 17' x 10'3". Kitchen with integrated appliances. Communal gardens. Parking space. Gated complex with close circuit TV. No onward chain. EPC: C

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Westcliff-on-Sea Guide Price £435,000-£445,000

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Cliff town Conservation Area O.I.R.O £410,000

Impressive three double bedroom semi-detached house set within the Cliff town Conservation Area. Character property with many original features. Good decorative order throughout. Double glazed and gas central heating. Kitchen/breakfast room 17' x 10'. Two reception rooms. Parking to the front. Ground floor cloakroom. Close to Cliff Gardens, seafront and town centre. EPC: E.



Southend-on-Sea £370,000

Impressive four bedroom detached new build house located within a popular residential location. Lounge. Kitchen/diner. Utility room and store room. Ground floor cloakroom. Family bathroom. Master bedroom with en-suite. Approximate 65' south facing rear garden. Close to maritime railway station and local shops. EPC: C.



Cliff town Conservation Area £295,000

Two bedroom upper ground floor flat located in the Cliff town Conservation Area. Lounge with estuary views. Kitchen 11'6" x 11'. Bathroom. Separate w.c. Gas fired central heating. Pine stripped internal doors. Walking distance of Southend town centre and maritime railway station. No chain. EPC: D.



Southend-on-Sea £172,995

Set just back off the seafront is this two bedroom end terrace house. Lounge/diner - lounge area 15' x 10', dining area 12' x 12'. Kitchen 13' x 8'. First floor bathroom. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. Parking to rear via access driveway to side. Walking distance to town centre and train station. No onward chain. EPC: C.



Southchurch Park £154,950

Two bedroom ground floor flat. Lounge 13' x 12'. Recently installed bathroom. Kitchen. Newly fitted gas fired boiler. Double glazed. Parking to the front. Section of west backing rear garden. Walking distance of all local amenities including maritime railway station and seafront. Ideal first purchase or buy to let investment. EPC: D.



Southend-on-Sea £139,995

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Southend-on-Sea £89,950

Well maintained one bedroom first floor purpose built retirement property within easy access of Southend town centre, train stations and seafront. Lounge 13'4" x 12'2" with bay window. Kitchen. Recently fitted shower room w/c. Double glazed. House manager on-site. Residents lounge, games room and laundry room. Recently fitted carpets. Well maintained communal gardens. Residents parking/garage entry phone system. Suitable for the over 60's. EPC: C.

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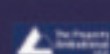
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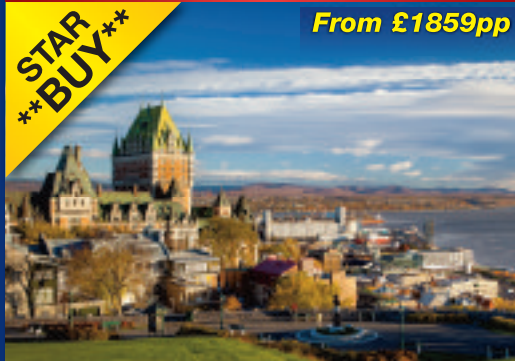
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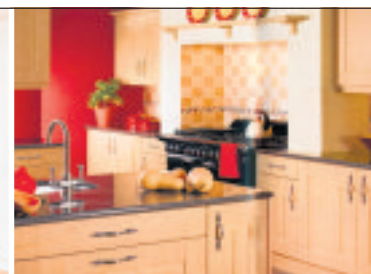
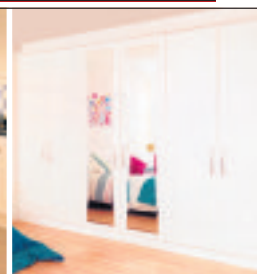
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Hey hey we're the Grumpies

Left to right - Kate Robbins, Jenny Eclair and Susie Blake



By LIZ WADE

THE Grumpies are once again embarking on a national tour to knock some sense into the nation, including audiences at three local theatres over the coming weeks.

Jenny Eclair, Perrier Award-winning comedian, writer and original star of Grumpy Old Women, is returning to the stage with her fellow grouchy co-stars, 10 years on from when she first started.

Grumpy Old Women began as a one-off Christmas special, off the back of the hugely successful Grumpy Old Men series. Due to its popularity it soon spawned into a regu-

lar BBC television series in 2005, as well as a live tour, which sold out across the country and also enjoyed a spell in Australia.

The next two television series, in 2006 and 2007, continued to pull in millions of viewers, while Grumpy Old Women Live Two: Chin Up Britain – a two hour extravaganza – also toured the UK and Australia, and enjoyed an eight week run in the West End's Novello Theatre.

Now Jenny returns in Grumpy Old Women: Fifty Shades of Beige, which will be at Towngate Theatre, Basildon, on Thursday and Friday, April 2 and 3; at the Palace Theatre, Southend, on Saturday, April 4; and the Civic Theatre, Chelmsford, for a matinee and an

evening performance on Saturday, April 18.

She will be joined by fellow recruits Susie Blake, who played Hilary in BBC's Mrs Brown's Boys and Bev Unwin in ITV's Coronation Street, and actress and singer Kate Robbins, who you probably remember from ITV's Where The Heart Is and BBC1's Casualty.

Grumpy Old Women: Fifty Shades of Beige is a side-splitting, jam-packed show which sheds the light on just about everything. Learn the art of 'Grumpy Grooming', the joy of large pants, a nagging master class entitled 'How To Get Your Own Way Without Him Even Noticing', discover beards for women and which style will suit you, a com-

plimentary anger management workshop, the rules about middle-aged drinking, navigating the smorgasbord of worry, voluntary euthanasia vs retirement, how to customise an unwanted pole dancing kit and a mercifully brief Zumba demonstration.

As well as enjoying all this and so much more, you can also see Jenny later in the year during her How To Be A Middle Aged Women (without going insane) tour which includes appearances at the Dixon Studio Southend on Thursday, July 2, and Sunday, July 12, at the Civic Cramphorn Studio on Friday, October 2, at the Palace Theatre, Southend, on Sunday, November 15.

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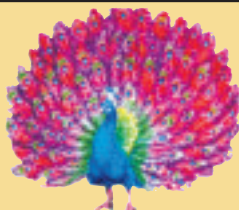
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FAIRYTALE: Lily James as Cinderella
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CINDERELLA (U, 113mins)

SLAVISHLY adapted from Disney's classic 1950 animated musical, Kenneth Branagh's live action version of the fairytale romance doesn't skimp on the period detail.

Sandy Powell's luxurious costumes, Dante Ferretti's opulent set designs and Patrick Doyle's sweeping orchestral score conjure a magical world of unerring love in which even we gasp at the gargantuan splendour of the grand ball where the prince must choose his wife.

While this Cinderella unquestionably dazzles the senses, screenwriter Chris Weitz is shackled to fond memories of the hand-drawn film and consequently, he has almost no room for flourishes of originality.

The plot arc is predetermined, the ugly stepsisters don't hack off their heels or toes to squeeze into a misplaced glass slipper, and Helena Bonham Carter's fairy godmother isn't quite as eccentric as she or we would like as she engineers

the film's best set-piece with a flick of her wand.

"I don't go transforming pumpkins for just anyone," she chirps.

No, the special effects wizards do and they accomplish the pivotal sequence with aplomb.

Before all of the jiggery-pokery with a pumpkin, four mice and a goose, Ella (Lily James) is consigned to the kitchen by her vindictive stepmother Lady Tremaine (Cate Blanchett) and brattish stepsisters, Anastasia (Holliday Grainger) and Drizella (Sophie McShera).

Emboldened by the dying words of her mother (Hayley Atwell) - "Have courage and be kind" - Ella tries to rise above the bullying.

When the name-calling becomes too frightful, she escapes on horseback and catches the eye of the dashing Prince (Richard Madden), who must pick a bride at the behest of the dying King (Derek Jacobi).

So the Prince throws a lavish ball where Ella makes her grand entrance then disappears as the clock chimes

midnight, leaving behind footwear that would surely pose a health and safety risk in any other film.

"Find that girl - the forgetful one who loses her shoes," decrees the Captain of the royal guard (Nonzo Anosie).

Cinderella will enchant a generation of girls, who dream of donning the tiara of a Disney princess.

James and Madden are an attractive screen pairing, while Blanchett draws inspiration from Joan Crawford to cast a formidable shadow from beneath the brim of her character's extravagant hats.

"I do love a happy ending, don't you?" gushes one of the characters.

Branagh's film certainly does, without a hint of irony.

The main feature is preceded by the animated short Frozen Fever, which continues the adventures of sisters Anna (voiced by Kristen Bell) and Elsa (Idina Menzel) as they prepare for a birthday celebration.

**Released: March 27
RATING: 7/10**

Stage

Light and shade of classical ballet

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For further information and tickets to see Grumpy Old Women: Fifty Shades of Beige visit www.towngate theatre.co.uk, www.southend theatres.org.uk and www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres.

Also on tour are Ballet Central, the Central School of Ballet's renowned graduate performing company.

The ballet company, which is celebrating its 13th anniversary this year, will be appearing at Chelmsford's Civic Theatre on Wednesday, April 15, as part of a tour of 14 towns and cities nationwide.

The Ballet Central tour offers a chance to see some of the most highly skilled, new dance talent perform newly-commissioned works and much-loved revivals by the dance industry's top choreographers.

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"The 2015 repertoire includes a dynamic range of new pieces; an energetic neo-classical work by Scottish Ballet's artistic director, Christopher Hampson entitled Four, to

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"Classical ballet fans will relish the Blue Ball Pas de Deux from Cinderella, choreographed by the late company founder Christopher Gable CBE and staged by Carole Gable, as well as La Fille Mal Gardée Pas de Deux and Pas de Quatre staged by Central tutors Resmi Malko and Patricia Linton.

"This year's tour will also see revivals of Code by Phoenix Dance Theatre's artistic director and Central artistic advisor Sharon Watson, and Scenes from a Wedding by Christopher Marney, Matthew Bourne's New Adventures Company principal artist and Central MA choreography graduate."

For further information and tickets to see Ballet Central, visit www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres



Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



Easter holiday outings

WHETHER you are looking for an Easter egg hunt, the opportunity to meet some baby animals or the chance to join the Mad Hatter at his tea party, there are plenty of places to keep the kids amused during the school holidays.

Here are just some of the venues pulling out all the stops to provide some Easter fun:

MARSH FARM ANIMAL ADVENTURE PARK

Hop along to Marsh Farm, in South Woodham Ferrers, from March 30 to April 10, for egg hunts, games with the Mad Hatter and Shaun the Sheep, and plenty of baby animals.

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If you want to do something else, then join the Mad Hatters Tea Party, from 4-5.30pm every day from April 1-6. Tickets, which cost £16.99 per person (under-twos free), must be booked in advance and allow you to enjoy entertainment from the Mad Hatter, as well as teapots and cakes

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MAD HATTER: Fun at Marsh Farm

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Visit www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/hyde-hall.

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Join the Easter Adventure Quest at Audley End House, in Saffron Walden, from Friday to Monday, April 3-6, and meet characters from the past with stories of times gone by.

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■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to five years. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, April 1

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■ Pregnancy yoga class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm, £6 per session. Telephone Linda on 01702 552260.

■ Line dancing lessons – all types of music, 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Ave, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.

■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh –

1.30-3pm, Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.

■ Activity session for children with special needs – age five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet. Light-hearted afternoon, of ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2-4.25pm, free car park, strictly over 18s, £4 per person. 01268 752473.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Barn dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.

■ Indoor Carpet Bowls – St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, contact Olive 01702 625069.

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■ Breathing exercise group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation, call Honorie 01268 574390.

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■ Health walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.

■ Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group – for families, friends of alcoholics and other addictions, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, (non-denominational).

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■ Over 50s' session – The Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 including refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 773100.

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■ Palace Writers' Group – 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, behind the church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, details Gill 01702 421737.

■ Advanced computer course – Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.

■ Duplicate bridge – Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

■ Brentwood Buddies – social club for ages 40-60 at the Essex Arms, Brentwood 8pm. Contact Julie 07969071392 text or phone before turning up.

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■ Strength and Balance class – Leigh Community Centre, 12-1pm, £5. Ottago, 01702 582231.

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■ Thundersley Gardening Association – 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, entrance £3.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s. Line dancing: 1-2pm, computer £3: 1-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics, 1.30-3pm. £2, 01268 465854.

■ Health walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, details 01702 318121.

■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.

■ Westcliff National Spiritualist Church – Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, 7.30pm.

■ Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

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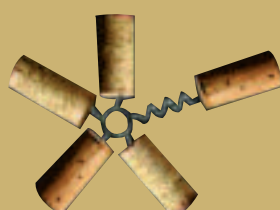
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Drivetime

Vauxhall Corsa comes of age

By John Murdoch

THE new Vauxhall Corsa was the top seller in Scotland in January.

Now in its fourth generation, the popular supermini was first launched in 1993.

Since then 12million have been sold with more than 1.8m finding homes in the UK.

The new model arrived in the autumn and replaced a model which was getting tired as it had been in production for eight years.

The new car looks considerably better than the old model with a sharp design which is much more masculine.

The body is more sculpted and mature looking and the smart headlamps contribute to its bold appearance.

Available with a choice of seven engines – five petrol and two diesels – it also comes with three or five doors.

It is much more refined than the previous Corsa and prices start at just £8,895.

That amount of cash will get you the 1.2i Sting model with Vauxhall's trusty 1.2-litre petrol engine which produces 69bhp.

That entry model is still well equipped with a generous list of standard features.

An efficient 1.0-litre turbocharged model is also offered to compete directly with Ford's EcoBoost engines offered in its Fiesta rival.

The car I drove featured bright yellow paintwork and was a three-door 1.4 turbo



SHARP: Vauxhall Corsa 1.4t Excite

model finished in Excite trim. At £13,265 it represents good value for money and came with all the features you could want.

A huge leap in quality means that the interior is now probably the best in the supermini sector and the cabin is a very nice place to be. It does not offer any more space but there is still room for four and the seats are comfortable. It was easy to find a good driving position and the instruments and controls are easy to read and use.

The Excite model features a range of

equipment that would only have been available in larger premium models a few years ago.

A heated steering wheel, heated windscreen, heated seats, alloy wheels, air-conditioning, rain-sensing wipers, automatic headlights and an IntelliLink touch-screen audio system with DAB radio and Bluetooth are all included.

On the road feels well balanced. The steering is sharp and responsive and the handling is now a match for the Fiesta.

The 1.4 turbo unit delivers its 99bhp smoothly via a slick six-speed gearbox and offers a fine blend of performance and economy. Emissions are 119g/km – meaning road tax will set you back just £30 a year.

The combined claimed economy figure is 53.5mpg and I averaged just over 45mpg during my five days with the car.

I was impressed with the new Corsa and if you are considering buying a new supermini it is well worth a look. If you need more performance a hot VXR version arrives in May with a 1.6 turbo and is good for 205bhp. It will also tackle the 0 to 60 sprint in 6.5 seconds but will still be capable of 37mpg.

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Congestion at 10-year high

By Mike Torpey

CONGESTION on UK roads is the worst it has been for more than 10 years, according to a survey by the Freight Transport Association.

The group's quarterly report has illustrated the rate of deterioration in reliability on the road network at 55 per cent – which is the lowest it has been since 2002, due to increased traffic in the run-up to Christmas.

The results, from more than 100 logistics operators, are seen as an indication of the impact of the increase in domestic road freight activity levels. They also highlight the rate of decline in the reliability of the UK motorway network.

FTA director of policy Karen Dee said: "This survey is a clear indication that congestion on our roads has increased again, and drivers are getting stuck in traffic on a regular

basis. Reliability on the UK road network is crucial for road freight operators. The freight and logistics industry needs road infrastructure that it can rely on to ensure that products are moved efficiently and at reasonable cost.

"As the economy grows there will be increasing demands which will mean more pressure to deliver, and more vehicles on the roads – so it is only going to get worse."

The FTA has voiced its support for the Road Investment Strategy announced by the Department for Transport in December, stating that it "believed it can only be good news for all road users."

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Representations should be sent to the Licensing Authority, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Civic Centre (Floor 13), Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6ZG.
A record of the application, and the statutory register of the Licensing Authority, may be inspected at the Council's office address given above, between 10.00am and 4.00pm on Mondays to Fridays or on the Council website www.southend.gov.uk
It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application, and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000).
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BLUES SLIP AS U'S SAVE POINT

Southend United

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By Rowland Lyons at Roots Hall
SOUTHEND'S promotion push suffered another blow last Saturday as lowly Cambridge shut up shop and picked up a vital point in their relegation fight.

The main talking point after another disappointing home display was a sickening second half head injury sustained by Blues' stopper Luke Prosser, who was poleaxed by Ryan Donaldson's rocket of a free-kick.

In front of the biggest crowd at Roots Hall this season, the struggling U's made the better start, but Josh Coulson was unable to keep his fourth minute header down from a Johnny Hunt flag-kick.

Southend, probably with the Wednesday night Burton reverse still in their legs, were slow to start but Ryan Leonard was inches away – on ten minutes – with a flicked header from a John White cross.

A succession of Shrimpers' corners were wasted and they were almost made to pay on 24 minutes when Donaldson was presented with a half-chance on the edge of the box but his scuffed effort bobbed wide.

Prosser, who earlier sustained a facial injury after a clash with former Southend frontman Matt Harrold, had to be on his mettle to make a vital, but heavy 27th minute challenge on Tom Elliott – ultimately deemed fair by referee Brendan Malone – although a melee did ensue, with the Cambridge bench incensed and the striker prolonged treatment.

Blues created very little after the break and the often isolated Barry



KNOCKOUT: Ryan Donaldson's free-kick about to poleaxe Blues' keeper Luke Prosser Photo by Dave Montier

Corr – on a run of seven goals in as many games – painted a forlorn figure and got little change out of marker Ian Miller.

On 68 minutes Southend conceded a debatable free-kick, but justice seemed to be done – albeit at a heavy price – as the Southend defensive wall did its job – but Prosser was knocked out cold by Donaldson's piledriver.

After departing on a stretcher and in a neck brace, replacement Jerome Binnom-Williams proved an able deputy for the remaining 20 minutes. Despite six minutes of stoppage time, not even a late rally could see the Blues home, although Chris Dunn made a brave double save to deny subs Jack Payne and Will Atkinson, to leave boss Phil Brown saying: "It was a disappointing, goalless draw. We didn't quite do enough to win the game."

"Their manager has apologised for [the game] being ugly. I admit he was in that frame of mind before the game. They were six points clear of the relegation zone, and they needed that point. But, it was our responsibility to win the game but that bit of spark in the final third was missing today."

"We're at the business end of the season and it's all about mentality."

Brown added: "Luke Prosser will probably be in hospital tonight as he had pins and needles down his arm, which is the sign of a spinal problem."

"He took a ball fully in the face, which knocked him out, and maybe landed a bit awkwardly. But we have to give him due care and attention as he's a very important player. It's not a nice thing to happen to anybody."

Keeper Daniel Bentley added: "I think Cambridge came here for the point. They were resolute at the back

and were always going to shut up shop. We've kept a clean sheet at home, but these are games you want to be winning."

"We're disappointed as a team that we've not picked up three points."

U's boss Richard Money admitted: "This point has edged us away from the bottom [of the table]. I thought we showed a great deal of resolve and character."

Southend United: Daniel Bentley, John White (captain), Adam Thompson, Luke Prosser (Jerome Binnom-Williams 73), Ben Coker, David Worrall, Michael Timlin, Ryan Leonard, Kevan Hurst (Will Atkinson 31), Joe Pigott (Jack Payne 60), Barry Corr. Subs (not used): Ted Smith; Myles Weston, Gary Deegan, Jake Cassidy.

Cambridge United: Chris Dunn, Richard Tait, Josh Coulson, Ian Miller, Harrison Dunk, Ryan Donaldson, Liam Hughes, Tom Champion, Johnny Hunt, Tom Elliott, Matt Harrold (Dominic Ball 63). Subs (not used): Will Norris; Jordan Slew, Michael Nelson, Gearoid Morrissey, Nathaniel Mendez-Laing, Sullay Kaiak. Attendance: 7,224.

Non-league round-up

Beach Boys triumph away

by Brian Jeeves

CONCORD Rangers' late Vanarama Conference South push continued as the Beach Boys triumphed 2-1 at Weston-Super-Mare. Taylor Miles gave the Canvey-based outfit the lead early in the second half but Jordan Tillson restored parity with five minutes remaining.

Nevertheless, Concord were once again not to be denied, with Steve King grabbing a dramatic 90th minute winner. This result leaves Danny Cowley's men in seventh place in the table, 13 points behind leaders Bromley.

Tenth placed Chelmsford City also grabbed a vital late goal in their match at the Melbourne Stadium. Jacob Erskine fired visitors Maidenhead United ahead on the hour. But Joe Ward struck with six minutes remaining to save the day for the Clarets and send the majority of the bumper 607 crowd home slightly happier.

There wasn't too much to cheer about for the region's Ryman Premier League clubs.

Mitchell Gilbey (2) and Ross Parmenter were on target for East Thurrock United in their thrilling 3-3 draw at Dulwich Hamlet, and there was a 1-1 stalemate for Grays Athletic against VCD Athletic. But it was not such good news for our other Premier Division sides.

A goal in each half from former Canvey Island man Kezie Ibe and Andre Da Costa sent Billericay Town spinning to a disappointing 2-0 defeat against Hendon at New Lodge, and despite another goal from marksman George Purcell, AFC Hornchurch slipped by the odd goal in three at Hampton & Richmond Borough, and it was a miserable day for Canvey Island. The Gulls fell to a late David Taylor strike at Harrow Borough. Canvey have now picked up just four points from the last 21 and hover dangerously close to the relegation zone.

In Ryman League One North goals from Thomas Richardson and Christian Mbulu helped Brentwood Town to a 2-1 away day success at Ware, and Tilbury were also among the points. Tony Martin (2) and Ruben Duarte found the net as the Dockers eased past Soham Town Rangers 3-0 at Chadfield. Heybridge Swifts won 3-1 at Romford, while Maldon & Tiptree and Thurrock played out a goalless draw. Honours were even in Norfolk were Tony Jacobs scored for Great Waking Rovers, former Southend United man Jamie Forshaw replied for hosts Wroxham.

The season goes from bad to worse for rock bottom Burnham Ramblers. The mid-Essex outfit crashed 4-0 at Leslie Field against fellow strugglers Cray Wanderers.

And there was little cheer elsewhere as Lewis Sturman and Luke Tuttle found the net as Dereham Town gunned down Barkingside, while Aveley went down 2-1 at Cheshunt.

Plenty of drama in the Essex Senior League where Tom Jeffes (2) and Joe Staunton were on target for leaders Barking in a 3-1 win at Eton Manor. Basildon United were also 3-1 winners, Craig Gilliam (2) and Jordan Williams scored for the Bees against Enfield 1893, and it was the same outcome at Southchurch Park Arena where Southend Manor crashed to Ilford.

Bowers & Pitsea played out an entertaining 1-1 draw with Clapton. Rob Whitnell scored from the spot for Bowers, this after Eamon Payne had fired the Tons ahead. And there was a 2-2 draw between Waltham Forest and Newham.

In selected action from the ProKik UK Essex Olympian League, the big winners of the day were Lakeside who thrashed Rochford Town 7-2 in Senior Division Two at Rochford Recreation Ground.

Rayleigh lads stage dramatic comeback to lift cup

Junior football

Chelmsford City 2 Rayleigh Boys 3 Under 13s Cup Final

By Robert Craven

RAYLEIGH Boys (Blues) produced a sensational second half comeback to overturn a 2-0 deficit and claim the Essex Cordell Under 13s Cup over Chelmsford City at Great Waking Rovers FC's Burroughs Park home.

Rayleigh's triumph was secured with a goal in the second minute of stoppage time at the end of a highly entertaining encounter.

Taylor Armstrong initiated the move with a slide-rule pass down the inside-right channel before Jack Nolde centred for Daniel Monk to convert at the back post.

For Rayleigh boss, and current

Millwall manager, Neil Harris, it was a fairytale conclusion.

He remarked: "I just had a funny feeling that there might be another goal in it. I played here so I knew that the slope is a big factor."

"Daniel Monk has been out with a broken elbow, so he hasn't kicked a ball for eight weeks. He only played in the second half but he got the strike that mattered."

For a long time it looked as though Chelmsford would claim victory, thanks to goals early in each half.

The opener arrived after just three minutes, thanks to a lob by midfielder Tinnie Owusi. He picked the ball up just outside the box and his strike dipped underneath Alex Coleman's crossbar to put the Clarets ahead. Chelmsford doubled their lead with-

in two minutes of the restart. Again Owusi was the instigator, teasing a free-kick into the box for captain Hayden Matthews to head powerfully into the back of the net from 12 yards.

City had an excellent chance to add to their advantage when Callum Boylan galloped onto Couthurst's through ball, but Owen Young made a crucial challenge and Sam Luscomb's strike flew inches wide.

In the 48th minute, Rayleigh finally halved their arrears as Nolde received the ball at the back post and sent a deflected strike into the bottom right-hand corner.

Nolde played a part in the equaliser just six minutes later as a left-wing cross was knocked down by the forward for Worden to sweep into the net. It appeared as though the match

would go to extra time, but that was before Monk's dramatic intervention.

"I'm delighted," proclaimed Harris.

"I'm proud for my son. To lift the trophy on his 13th birthday is something that he'll never forget."

"The reason that I stayed, even though I'm managing at Millwall, is because I care about the boys. Some of them have got really bright futures."

Chelmsford City: Cameron Tredgett, George Cooper, Max Norton-Steele, Joel Older, Billy Couthurst, Tinnie Owusi, Callum Boylan, Sam Luscomb, Luke Stebbing, Hayden Matthews, James Eathly. Substitutes (repeated): Gabe Girls, Ed Matthews, Kyran Brownless, Reece Gill.

Rayleigh Boys (Blues): Alex Coleman, James Worden, Daniel March, Taylor Armstrong, Cameron Harris, Connor Triggs, Brook Wilkins, Lewis Brown, Charlie Sullivan, Owen Young, Bobby Brocklebank. Substitutes (repeated): Daniel Monk, Matthew Wicks, Jack Nolde.



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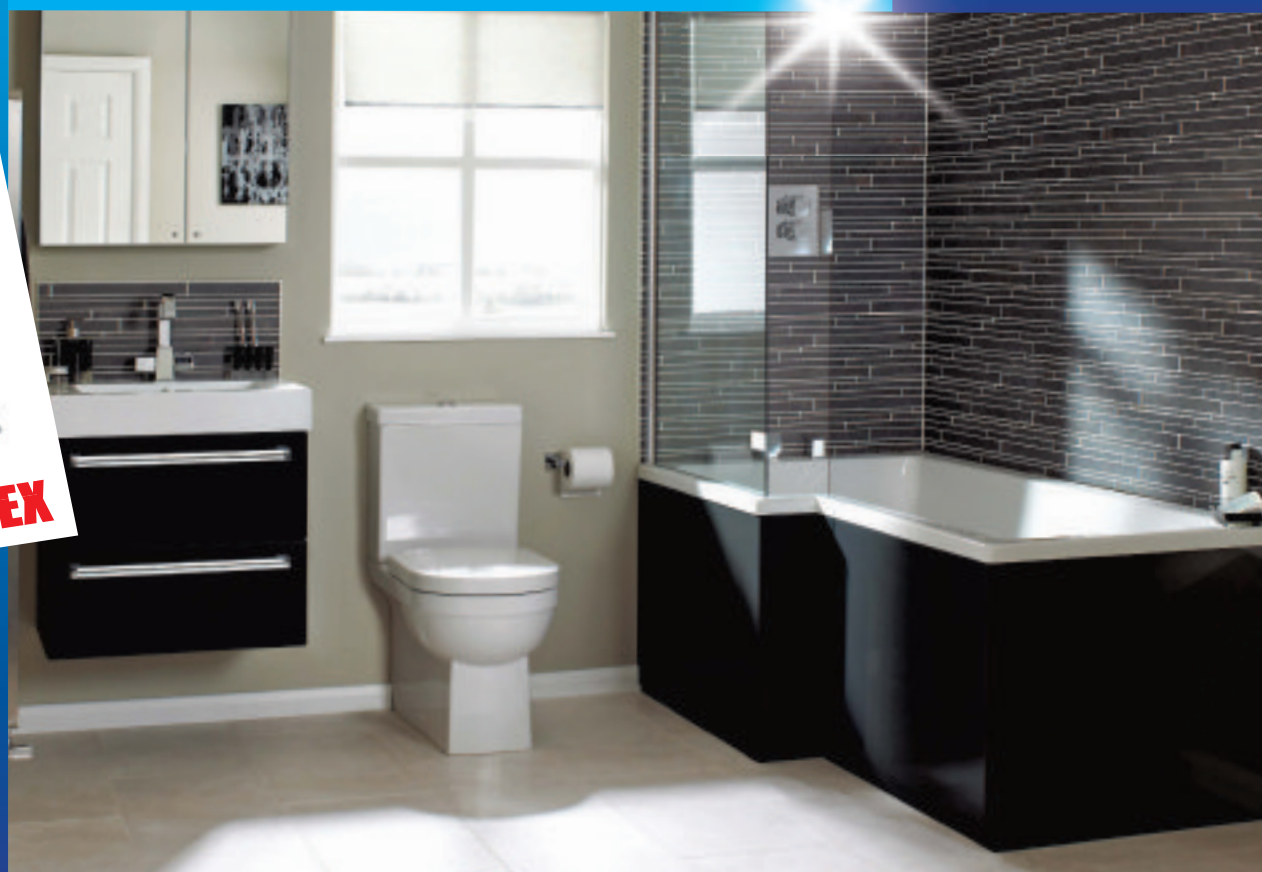
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